

Reading Shade Tree Commission Meeting
January 9, 2012

Present: D Ruyak, D Moodhart, K Christman, J Slifko, R Reimer

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM.

Permits for 6 removals and 1 pruning were issued last month.

A RSTC budget has been proposed for salaries, contracted services, training/conferences, maintenance/equipment repair, general supplies, botanical supplies (Adopt-a-Tree), capital equipment, fringe benefits and other misc items.

All 28 trees contracted have been removed with only a few stumps still to be ground. Arbor Care has been paid \$18,225 for work completed. Six trees were removed by residents. There will be 46 final notices will be sent on January 20 and bids for removal will begin a few weeks later.

Membership dues for Mr. Ruyak were paid for the International Society of Arboriculture and Tree Care Industry Association for 2012.

A Shade Tree Symposium will be held in Lancaster at the end of February. There will be courses offered for pesticide credits.

The Accolade Elm has been nominated as the 2012 Society of Municipal Arborists Urban Tree of the Year. Some were planted during the 2011 Adopt-a-Tree Program.

Meeting Adjourned.

R Reimer, vice/chair